

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attachment C
Applicant Submittals and
Development Plan

1. Application Letter



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Subject: Application for Development Plan and Lot Line Adjustment for Zorro Blanco

Pax Consulting, agent for Zorro Blanco, is pleased to submit this application to the City of Santa Fe Planning Division. The project consists of a 165-unit multi-family rental housing complex and a coffee shop at 7205 Plaza Central in the western end of Tierra Contenta.

Project Valuation: \$28,000,000

The list below includes the required submittals and where they can be found:

- Application letter, including valuation (this document)
- Statement addressing approval criteria (Report attached to this document)
- Legal lot of record, legal description (Exhibit A of Report)
- Development Plan (Plan set – separate email attachment)
- ENN Meeting Notes (Exhibit I of Report)
- Existing site conditions (Plan set – Sheet DP-000)
- Sewer plan (Plan set – Sheet C-102)
- Water plan (Plan set – Sheet C-102)
- Water Utility Service Application (Exhibit F of Report)
- Signage specifications (Plan set – Sheets AL-201 & AG-201)
- Dimensional color elevations (Plan set – Sheets AA-201 through AL-201)
- Architectural points analysis (Report section “Architectural Design Review”)
- Fire and emergency access plan per IFC (Plan set – Sheet Fire 1)
- Terrain management plans (Plan set – Sheets C-101A & C-101B)
- Landscape plans (Plan set – Sheets LP-101 through LP-104 & LP-501)
- Photometric plan (Plan set – Sheet C-104)
- Pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular plan (Plan set – Sheet DP-03)
- Site Section (Plan set – Sheet DP-04)
- Traffic Impact Analysis (Exhibit C of Report)
- Archaeological clearance (Exhibit H of Report)
- Affordable housing proposal (Not ready yet – working with staff)



Please call me with any questions you have or additional information you need.

Thank you,

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Is this an amendment to a previously approved Development Plan? Yes No

PARCEL INFORMATION

Project Name: Zorro Blanco
Address: 7205 Plaza Central, Santa Fe, NM
Property Size: 14.24 (to be reduced to 6.9 with LLA)
Zoning: C-1
Current Use of Land: Vacant
Proposed Use of Land: Multi-family Rental + Coffee Shop
Does a rezoning application accompany this application? Yes No
Are any variances required? Yes No
Pre-application Conference Date: 6/27/24
Early Neighborhood Notice (ENN) Meeting Date: 8/20/24 + 9/30/24
Estimated Total Cost of Development: \$28,000,000

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AGENT AUTHORIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)

I am/We are the owner(s) and record title holder(s) of the property located at:
7205 Plaza Central, Santa Fe, NM
I/we authorize Richard Yates to act as my/our agent to execute this application.
Signed: Date: 10/09/24
Signed: Date:

SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that the documents submitted for review and consideration by the City of Santa Fe have been prepared to meet the minimum standards outlined in the Land Development Code, Chapter 14 SFCC 1987. Failure to meet these standards may result in the rejection of my application. I also certify that I have met with the City's Current Planning staff in a pre-application meeting to verify that the attached proposal is in compliance with the City's zoning and development plan requirements.
Signature: Date: 10/10/24

Application Report

Statement Addressing Approval Criteria

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Project Description

Zorro Blanco is a 165* unit multi-family housing complex and a coffee shop. The development will include 17 buildings ranging from 1- to 3-stories. The site slopes down away from the adjacent roadways. The development is intended to create a transition from lower-density residential development to the north and east to future commercial development to the south. The buildings form open spaces that will be landscaped to create different outdoor spaces, plazas, and courtyards connected by pedestrian paths between the buildings.

*The plan includes 164 residential units, however, should viability of the coffee shop change, the space could be used as either an amenity for Zorro Blanco or a two-bedroom residential unit. Therefore, this analysis includes all of these possible uses.

Project Location

The property is located at 7205 Plaza Central, Santa Fe, NM. It is at the southwest corner of Plaza Central and Contenta Ridge. It is also adjacent to the NM 599 right-of-way to the west. (The legal lot of record is included as Exhibit A of this document.)

Vicinity Map



Requested Approvals

This application includes a request for a lot line adjustment and a development plan. The application is being submitted on behalf of the property owners, Zydeco TCVP Land, LLC, for Development Plan for a multifamily apartment complex with a coffee shop and a Lot Line Adjustment for consideration by the Planning Commission. The application includes 165 market-rate dwelling units in 17 buildings including a clubhouse. The subject parcel is currently approximately 14.24 acres which is requested to be reduced to 7.9 acres through a lot line adjustment.

Tierra Contenta

This project is located within Tierra Contenta (TC) and is subject to the Master Plan, adopted in 1994. The Tierra Contenta Corporation (TCC) was created by the City of Santa Fe to implement the Tierra Contenta Master Plan on behalf of the City. TCC is charged with ensuring that development occurs in a way that meets the original goals and objectives for Tierra Contenta, as well as goals that have emerged since its creation. For each phase of development, a set of design standards is developed and approved by the City of Santa Fe. This project is located within Phase 2C. Where the design standards include requirements for development, those standards apply. Where the design standards are silent, the City Development Code applies.

Code Compliance Summary

Topic	Applicable Document(s) (COSF/TC2C)*	Code/Design Standard Reference
Zoning	COSF	14-7
Density & Dimensional Standards	COSF	14-7.2-1
Dimensional Standards	COSF	14-7.3-1
Open Space	COSF	14-7.5
Access & Traffic	COSF & TC2C	14-7.1 & 14-9 & 3.A&B
Terrain Management	COSF	14-8.2
Stormwater	COSF & TC2C	14-8.2 & 3.D
Flood Regulations	COSF	14-8.3
Landscaping	COSF & TC2C	14-8.4 & 4.B.2.j
Walls/Fences	COSF & TC2C	14-8.5 & 3.C.3
Parking	COSF & TC2C	14-8.6 & 4.B.2.j
Architectural Design	COSF & TC2C	14-8.7 & 2.C.2
Outdoor Lighting	COSF & TC2C	14-8.9 & 3.E.9
Signs	COSF & TC2C	14-8.10 & 3H
Affordable Housing	fCOSF	14-8.11 & 26
Prairie Dogs	COSF	14-8.12
Water Budget	COSF	14-8.13 & 26
Impact Fees	COSF	14-8.14
Land Dedication	COSF	14-8.15
School Requirements	COSF	14-8.16
Archaeology	COSF	14-3.13
Accessibility	COSF	14-8.6(B)(1)(c)
Early Neighborhood Notification	COSF	14-3.1(F)

*The two applicable documents are the City of Santa Fe Development Code (COSF) and the Tierra Contenta Phase 2C Design Standards (TC2C).

Village Plaza Master Plan

A master plan was approved as part of the annexation and rezoning for the Tierra Contenta Village Plaza in 2011 (Santa Fe Ordinances #2011-33 and #2011-34). The master plan has expired as more than 5 years have elapsed with no on- or off-site improvements continuing per SFCC §14-3.19(B(1)(b)). The northern portion of the plan area, including the subject property, was proposed to be developed with multi-family housing and offices. Some of the housing was proposed to be live/work. The southern portion of the plan area is zoned C-2 and was proposed to be developed with a range of neighborhood-serving retail and office uses. The project complies with all of the annexation and rezoning conditions of approval. See Exhibit B.


Development Plan

The application for development plan will include 19 buildings per the Table below:

Building Areas and Unit Mix

Bldg #	HUD Gross Floor Area (SF)	# Studios	# 1 BR	# 2 BR	# 3 BR	TOTAL UNITS
1	4,319			1		1
2	11,244			12		12
3	7,326	2	5	3		10
4	8,908		12			12
5	12,169			9	1	10
6	7,326	2	5	3		10
7	6,566		5	3		8
8	4,454		6			6
9	13,892	2	10	6		18
10	2,930		4			4
11	8,838		3	6		9
12	8,908		12			12
13	7,326	2	5	3		10
14	8,908		12			12
15	15,104		4	10	1	15
16	8,316	3	6	3		12
17	2,930		4			4
TOTAL	139,464	11	93	59	2	165

Building 1 includes a manager's office, community space, and gym and a coffee shop. However, should the coffee shop use cease, this analysis includes a 2-bedroom unit to allow it to be repurposed as a residential unit. Outside, adjacent to this building is a courtyard with a swimming pool.



The spaces between the buildings create outdoor spaces for gathering, recreation, and contemplation connected to each other by walkways between building that create a walkable, car-free internal complex. This is similar to the development of Spanish colonies that followed the Law of the Indies, like Santa Fe. It has one larger courtyard which harkens to downtown Santa Fe's Plaza which is connected to smaller courtyards and open spaces as the Law of the Indies calls for. Most of the units face towards these internal spaces.

Construction Schedule

This project is proposed to be built in overlapping phases that would start several weeks apart. This will allow for different trades to complete their work and move on to the next group of buildings, keeping the construction crews working and moving quickly through the process. As each group of buildings are completed, it is planned that those buildings will start to be occupied while the remainder continue in the construction process. The phases of construction are shown on Plan DP-002 of the drawings submitted with this application.

Utility Access

Sewer

Sewer lines of sufficient capacity to serve the project are located within both Contenta Ridge and Plaza Central. Their locations are shown on the Development Plan drawings.

Water

Municipal water lines with sufficient capacity to serve the project are also located within Contenta Ridge and Plaza Central. Their locations are shown on the Development Plan.

Electricity

Electricity is accessed by 3 power boxes along Plaza Central and run underground to the project buildings.

Natural Gas

Natural gas is accessed on Plaza Central.

Lot Line Adjustment

The lot line adjustment is requested to allow for the land needed for the Zorro Blanco development. The landowner owns both this lot (lot 10) which is currently 14.24 acres and lot 9 which is currently 1.84 acres. The lot line adjustment will move the boundary between these two lots such that lot 10 will be 719.9 acres and lot 9

will be 9.18 acres. Lot 9 will be developed in the future, however, at this time the landowner does not have specific plans for its development.

Zoning

The property is zoned C-1, Office and Related Commercial. Per Table 14-7.2-1, multifamily residential development is permitted in the C-1 zoning district if it meets the density and open space requirements of the R-21 zoning district which are:

Required	Provided
Density of 21 units per acre	7.9 acres X 21 = 165 units

The project also meets the following dimensional criteria:

- Minimum 10-foot street setback
- Minimum 5-foot side setback
- Maximum 40% lot coverage
- Maximum 36-foot building height

Development Plan Approval Criteria (per SFCC §14-3.8(D)(1))

(a) that it is empowered to approve the plan under the section of Chapter 14 described in the application

SFCC §14- 2.3 (C)(1) states, "...the planning commission shall review and approve or disapprove various specific development plans, requests, and subdivision plats. When specifically authorized by Chapter 14, the decision of the planning commission is final, subject to any appeal right provided in this chapter."

(b) that approving the development plan will not adversely affect the public interest.

Approval of the proposed project will benefit the public interest by providing needed market-rate housing. The City's recently published draft 5-Year Affordable Housing Strategic Plan found "The gap shown for renters with income over 120% AMI in 2021 suggests those renters are spending less than 30% of their income on housing. This points to an income mismatch in the market in which higher income households are occupying homes affordable to lower income households." Creation of more market-rate apartments will allow those residents other options, freeing up the lower income apartments for lower income residents.


(c) that the use and any associated buildings are compatible with and adaptable to buildings, structures and uses of the abutting property and other properties in the vicinity of the premises under consideration.

The abutting property to the west is owned by the State Department of Transportation and includes right-of-way for state route 599. The abutting property to the northwest is undeveloped land owned by the NM State Lands Office. The abutting land to the south is owned by the applicant but there are no current plans for its development. Across Contenta Ridge to the northeast are recently constructed townhomes and across the Plaza Central to the east are single family homes. This development would represent a transition between lower-density residential development to the north and east and land further south that is zoned C-2, Community Commercial, which allows for a range of non-residential as well as multi-family residential uses.

There are no abutting buildings, structures, or uses as this project is the first development within the Village Commercial Area of the Tierra Contenta Phase 2C master plan. There are existing residential buildings across both streets that abut the project, both single-family and multi-family. This site represents a transition from less dense residential uses to future commercial and retail uses anticipated to the south.

The building facing Contenta Ridge is 3-stories and is across the street from newly-constructed two-story townhomes. This building is set back a minimum of 78 feet from the property line. Also, relative to Contenta Ridge, the townhomes are uphill from the street level and the 3-story building proposed is downhill from the street level such the apparent height of the two buildings will be similar. This building also includes portals on each floor facing Contenta Ridge, reducing the visual impact of the massing of the building.

The buildings facing the street are limited to one- and two-stories along Plaza Central where one- and two-story single-family homes are across the street. The apartments will be distributed into 17 buildings across the site rather than being located in fewer, larger buildings as is more typical of apartment complexes. This reduces the apparent density of the project and better integrates with the massing pattern of the neighborhood. The proposed buildings are designed in a Pueblo-style massing that echo the neighboring architectural style and the broader regional Santa Fe Style.



The proposed project will create a transition to the C-2, General Commercial District, to the south which allows a greater range of commercial and retail uses in denser development patterns.

The Tierra Contenta Design Standards for Phase 2C designates the project site as being Village Commercial. A now-expired master plan for the area envisioned office buildings and multi-family housing for the subject property. Of those two uses, multi-family is more compatible with the surrounding residential uses. The office and multi-family housing was envisioned as a transition from the townhomes to the north, the single-family homes across the street, and the future retail uses to the south.

Additionally, the TC Guidelines include design criteria for the site. These have been incorporated into the project design and approved by the Tierra Contenta Architectural Review Committee. These design standards include:

Chapter 1, Introduction, Section C2, Foster Architectural Variety states:

Variety in the architecture of Tierra Contenta is an important characteristic of the community. These standards are intended to produce coherent, pedestrian-oriented neighborhoods, not to limit the creativity of innovative designers. Like the Tierra Contenta Master Plan, these standards apply to all property in Tierra Contenta and are intended to provide a measure by which all aspects of improvements- whether for streets and infrastructure, residences, commercial or civic buildings - are evaluated in comparison to the Tierra Contenta Master Plan.

Chapter 1, Introduction, Section C3, Encourage Innovation states:

Notwithstanding the specific requirements of these design standards and the city code, the designer, developer, and reviewer are to be guided by the TC vision and goals. Innovative design is encouraged within the Tierra Contenta development, and strict adherence to the design standards and/or city code may tend to inhibit innovation. These design standards have been written with the intent of balancing the standards necessary for providing a measure of conformance with the flexibility necessary to allow innovation. The vision and goals of Tierra Contenta are provided in the design standards to give designers, developers and reviewers a basis for assessing innovative features that might be proposed, and an arbiter for conflicts that might arise between an innovative proposal and health and safety issues.

Developers are encouraged to discuss aspects of design that may be at variance

with these standards or city code with city staff, TCC staff, and the TC Architectural Review Committee as early in the process as possible. When variances are requested due to an innovative design concept, recognition of the innovation as having a positive effect on Tierra Contenta may serve as a basis of variance approval, however, the developer must clearly demonstrate the innovation is the basis for the variance.

Chapter 1, Introduction, Section D.2.c, Visual & Aesthetic Goals states the following:

- The development will reflect traditional development patterns in Santa Fe.
- The development will contain a wide variety of housing types that are fully integrated into each tract.
- The development will create viewsapes that take advantage of the natural and built environment.
- The development will not have a "cookie cutter" appearance. Variation must be emphasized.
- The development will create an inviting and attractive streetscape.

Chapter IV of the Tierra Contenta Phase 2C Design Standards, Village Commercial Center, addresses the area that includes the subject site and the commercial/retail area to the south. Section C.2, Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Specifications provides specific architectural and design standards for the subject site. The subsections that apply to this project are:

C.2.c, Facades: No facade may consist of an undifferentiated blank wall when facing a public street central plaza or other public or common open space, or non-motorized vehicle path. Frequent windows, displays and landscaping are appropriate measures that add interest to the building. A building with an articulated wall facing the street that does not have at least 60% of its primary facade on the front property line may be approved by the ARC if continuity of the street or plaza frontage is not disrupted. Recessed entries, small plazas and courtyards are encouraged.

C.2.d, Portals and Porches: A continuous portal across must be built across at least sixty percent (60%) over the main entrance at the front of the building facing street, plaza(s) or other public space. Secondary entrances facing parking areas must have a covered porch or portal across at least thirty percent (30%) of the facade.

C.2.e, windows: Rather than being flush with the exterior wall finish, window frames shall be inset at least one inch (1") to provide a distinct shadow.

C.2.f, Roof form, Flat roofs entirely concealed from public view by parapets are the preferred roof forms. Other roof forms, including vaulted roofs, compound roofs, or sloping roofs, may be considered for approval especially if a positive effect on the building interior, such as improved day lighting, can be demonstrated. False mansard roofs are prohibited. The ARC may require the screening of any mechanical equipment visible from public areas. If terrain makes screening rooftops impractical this requirement may be waived.

Open Space

Open space required in the C-1 zone for residential development follows the requirements of the R-21 zone. R-21 zoning requires 250 SF of common open space for each dwelling unit. Common open space is defined in the City Code as “The outdoor area accessible to all residents within a development, which may be owned in undivided interest by all the residents of the development, and it may remain in its natural state or may be landscaped or improved for passive or active recreational activities.” Additionally, due to the addition of the coffee shop, the project must also meet the open space requirements for commercial development of 25% of the lot area. Commercial open space is defined in the City Code as “An outdoor area that permanently provides light and air and that satisfies, in whole or in part, the community's visual, psychological and recreational needs.” The requirement is reduced to 20% when using passive water harvesting techniques as this project does by the inclusion of swales and stormwater detention ponds. The open space is shown on the Landscape Drawings LP101-LP1-5 on the drawings submitted with this application.

Required Open Space

Type of Open Space	How Calculated	Required	Provided
Common Open Space	250 SF x 165 Units	41,250 SF	42,000 SF
Commercial Open Space with Passive Water Harvesting	301,040 SF x .20 = 60,208 SF minus Common OS	18,958 SF	22,000 SF
TOTAL Common and Commercial OS		60,208 SF	64,000

Access & Traffic

The project will have three entries. The primary entry is on the southern end of the parcel on Plaza Central. Secondary entries are located about halfway between the primary entry and the intersection with Contenta Ridge and one on Contenta Ridge.

Tierra Contenta Phase 2C Design Standards require that driveway connections to public streets have a driveway width (curb cut) that shall not be less than 12 feet or greater than 22 feet in width at the edge of the street pavement. Drive pads between curb and the right-of-way line must be concrete.

A traffic impact study was done for this project which showed that all area intersections would operate at Level of Service (LOS) A at both AM and PM peak traffic hours with the exception of the southern (main) driveway access to the project which would operate at LOS B both at buildout of the project and 10 years later. The study does not have any recommendations for revisions to the design. LOS are used to describe how well an intersection works with A being the Best and E being the worst, similar to school grades. LOS A and B are both considered well working intersections. The Traffic Study is included as Exhibit C of this document.

The Tierra Contenta Phase 2C Design Standards outline the types of streets and travel routes to be developed. This project does not propose to construct any offsite streets or travel routes so the standards described in TV2C Design Standards do not apply. However, the landscaping standards do apply. See the section on Landscaping and Site Design below.

Both the City of Santa Fe Development Code and the Tierra Contenta Phase 2C Design Standards (Ch.3.B.8.3) require sight triangles be installed and maintained. Sight visibility triangles are required at driveway entries. The triangles are formed by 5 feet along project driveway and 15 feet along street frontages. In these triangles there can be no visual impediments between 3 and 6 feet in height.

Terrain and Stormwater Management

Sheets C101 of the submitted plans shows the terrain and stormwater management provisions of this project. This project complies with the standards in SFCC §14-8.2 which include:

Cut and Fill Slopes:

- Exposed cut slopes shall not exceed 10 feet in height

Grading:

City of Santa Fe Development Code §14-8.2(D)(2)(b) states “Natural slopes thirty percent or greater shall remain undisturbed, except for arroyo crossings and for no more than three isolated occurrences of sloped areas where each individual disturbance shall not exceed one thousand (1,000) square feet, as approved by the city engineer. . . This provision applies solely to the construction of roads, driveways and utility placement and is not intended to allow development on natural slopes exceeding thirty percent.”

This project includes development of driveways or utility placement on three occurrences of sloped areas greater than 30%, each less than 1,000 SF.

- Fill slopes shall not exceed 10 feet in height (SFCC §14-8.2(D)(1)(a))
- Retaining wall for fill slopes shall not be greater than 6 feet in height
- Fill slopes shall be no steeper than 3:1
- Cut or fill slopes for roadways shall not exceed 15 feet in height
- Cut slopes shall be no steeper than 2:1
- Grading for buildings is limited to 15 feet beyond outer edge of building
- Natural slopes greater than 30% shall remain undisturbed except for arroyo crossing and for no more than three isolated occurrences of up to 1000 feet each for construction of roads, driveways, and utility placement only

Topography:

- At least one-half of any building footprint has a natural grade of less than 20% and the remainder may have a natural grade of between 20 and 30%.
- The finished floor elevation at any point of a building built on a natural slope of 20% or greater shall not exceed five feet above the natural slope at that point.
- A structure shall not be built on a natural slope of 30% or more

Stormwater Management:

City of Santa Fe Development Code §14-8.2(4)

- Stormwater runoff peak flow rate discharged from the site shall not exceed pre-development conditions for storms up to the One percent (100-year), 24-hour storm event at each discharge point
- Runoff control measures may include detention or retention basins, active and passive water harvesting, swales, berms check dams, vegetative ground cover, permeable pavements, tree wells, dry walls, cisterns and other techniques.

- Stormwater shall not be discharged into any watercourse or drainage channel without adequate reduction of flow velocity
- Detention basins shall accommodate 24-hours of a one-percent (100-year) storm with an outflow structure that limits outflow to pre-development rates; shall empty within 24 hours; and shall be landscaped in accordance with SFCC §14-8.4
- A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan is included on Sheet C105 to control erosion during and after construction.

Arroyo, Stream, and Watercourse Standards: Fences, *walls* and similar *structures* may not be constructed in or across an arroyo, stream or watercourse.

Site Restoration:

- Soil stabilization and erosion control measures shall be completed for all disturbed land within 21 days after construction completion by one or more of the following:
 - Revegetation with drought-tolerant plants
 - Bioengineering stabilization techniques
 - Stabilization with stones, terracing, or similar techniques
- All trees and shrubs shall be mulched and irrigated until established, grass shall be hydroseeded or covered with biodegradable material or synthetic soil erosions control blankets or matting and irrigated until established.

Flood Regulations

There are no 100- nor 500-year flood zones on or near the project site.

Landscaping and Site Design

The project conforms to SFCC §14-8.4 including all of the following items that apply to this project and are shown on Sheets LD101 & LP100 – LP104 & LP501 of the submitted plan set.

Water harvesting is required. This project proposes to use passive water harvesting techniques including the use of swales and detention ponds,

Water Features:

Water features are limited in area to 1650 for this project. Water features shall use re-circulated water and shall be designed to prevent seepage and leaks. The water feature included in this project complies with these requirements.

Street Trees:

Street trees are required on all property lines along streets. On major and secondary arterials, like Plaza Central, one street tree is required an average of every thirty (30) to forty (40) feet along the street frontage. On all other streets, like Contenta Ridge, one tree an average of every twenty-five (25) to thirty-five (35) feet. This project includes street trees that meet this standard.

Irrigation:

Irrigation is required to be zoned by each plants watering needs. Additionally, several standards apply to the irrigation system. Those that apply to this project include:

- Backflow prevention device
- Automatic, digital, multi-programmable controller
- Irrigation systems operation information, including monthly and seasonal schedules and water budgets are provided on the landscape plan on sheet LP100 of the submitted plan drawings
- Designed for site topography, orientation, microclimate, prevailing winds, soil type, and to prevent water waste.
- Planting beds shall be swaled, sloped, or recessed
- Irrigation systems shall be zoned by levels of water use
- Overhead spray irrigation can only be used on turf and ground cover

Walls and Fences

The project includes both fences, and parking lot screening walls. The walls and fences meet the requirements of SFCC §14-8.5 and TC2C Ch.3.C.3. The fences will be 6-feet high and made of wrought iron. The screening walls will be 4-feet high and made of concrete and stucco. These meet the requirements of both documents. TC2C states that Continuous unbroken walls are not allowed adjacent to public streets. All fences if constructed by the developer along street right-of-way must be made visually discontinuous by one or more of the following means:

- Changes in material
- Articulation of height with respect to the adjacent ground or sidewalk on the street side.
- Articulation of horizontal alignment with respect to the adjacent right-of-way.
- Openings defined by pilasters, arches, lintels horizontal or vertical tapers, etc.

- Landscaping planters, bancos, gates or other features between the right-of-way line and the proposed wall

The proposed project's fences will be connected to the buildings where feasible so that they are discontinuous. Additionally, the fences will be wrought iron allowing views into the site rather than a solid fence.

Retaining walls:

The project contains several retaining walls than meet the requirements of SFCC§14-8.5(B) which include:

- Maximum of 6 feet in height
- Stepped or terraced retaining walls shall be separated by a distance equal to the height of the retaining wall

Gates:

This project includes traffic control gates at all three vehicular access driveways. There will also be pedestrian gates.

Off-Street Parking

SFCC Table 14-8.6-1 provides the parking requirements for multifamily housing over 5 units. The calculations of required parking are included on Sheet DP 01 and show that 238 spaces are required and 245 are provided, an excess of 7 spaces. Of those spaces, 8 are required to be accessible, 2 of which must be van accessible.

Twelve bicycle parking spaces are required and 12 are provided. Bicycle Rack Standards and Dimensions are provided in SFCC § 14 Appendix D including allowable rack types, distance to other racks, distance from wall, curb, and pedestrian aisle, and parking and maneuvering areas. This project meets all of those requirements.

Parking Lot Screening

Tierra Contenta Phase 2C requires that any off-street parking area provided for four (4) or more vehicles on a single lot, or continuous parking areas on more than one lot having space for six (6) or more vehicles must be screened from view from a public street or non-motorized vehicle easement. Screening by a ten-foot-wide landscaping screen or buffer is preferred, however, a wall at least four feet (4 ft.) high may be used if landscaping is impractical.

Parking Lot Trees

Tierra Contenta Phase 2C requires parking areas contain 1 tree for every 6 parking spaces. The City of Santa Fe requires 10 SF of landscape area per parking space and a minimum of one deciduous tree per 90 SF of landscape area. These are

provided and shown on Sheet LP 100 of the plans submitted with this application.

Architectural Design Review

Per Table 14-8.7-1, projects in the C-1 zoning district must achieve 205 points in the Architectural Design Standards and Point Allocations Table 14-8.7-2.

Table 14-8.7-2: Architectural design Standards and Point Allocations			
Architectural Design Standards		Points Possible	Points Taken
WALLS			
Predominant Exterior Surface Material	Stucco, adobe	30	30
	Brick, natural stone, and integrally colored unit masonry	25	
	Concrete and non-integrally colored unit masonry	20	
	Metal siding, glass curtainwall systems, glass block, wood siding, and simulated materials	10	
	Mirrored glass curtainwall systems	-10	
Color of Predominant Exterior Surface Material	Earthtones, creams, and pastels of earthtone hues including but not necessarily limited to rose, peach, and terra cotta colors	30	30
	Pastel colors of non-earthtone hues, whites, grays, and grayish greens	15	
	High-intensity colors	-10	
	Metallic colors, glass and black	-10	
Exterior Surface Treatment	(A) Wall surfaces appear monolithic with at least 75 percent of the total wall area one material and one color. Differing shades of the same general hue shall not be considered different colors. Non-solar fenestration, window and door awnings, applied trim, and accent materials, colors, and decorative bands, with the exception of stucco, masonry or concrete control joints, are used in such a way that they do not give a panelized or prefabricated appearance, produce striped or checkerboard patterns, or exceed 25 percent of the surface area of any façade. Fenestration and/or accent colors on wall surfaces under portals or canopies having	10	10

	a horizontal depth of at least six feet shall be exempt from area calculations		
	(B) Wall surfaces do not meet the criteria set forth in paragraph (A) above	-10	
ROOFS			
Form	(A) Flat roof surfaces entirely concealed from public view by parapets	20	20
	(B) Flat roof surfaces not entirely concealed from public view by parapets, uniformly sloping roofs, or any combination of flat and uniformly sloping roofs, having a height, from springline to peak, that does not exceed the average height of the supporting walls and having a slope with greater than or equal to four feet of vertical rise for every 12 feet of horizontal run and less than or equal to 12 feet of vertical rise for every 12 feet of horizontal run	15	
	(C) Uniformly sloping roofs or any combination of flat and uniformly sloping roofs, having a height, from springline to peak, that does not exceed the average height of the supporting walls and having a slope with less than four feet of vertical rise for every 12 feet of horizontal run or having a slope with greater than 12 feet of vertical rise for every 12 feet of horizontal run	10	
	(D) Any type of sloping roof having a height, from springline to peak, that exceeds the average height of the supporting walls; non-uniformly sloping roofs; or any combination of flat and non-uniformly sloping roofs	-10	
	(E) Wood shingles or shakes and other materials including but not necessarily	-10	
Predominant Material	(A) All surfaces are concealed from public view	20	20
	(B) Standing, flat, or batten seam metal roofing, or membrane, asphalt or gravel surfaces exposed to public view	15	
	(C) Flat tiles of clay, concrete or slate	10	
	(D) Barrel tiles of clay, concrete, or slate; and asphalt shingles	5	
	(E) Wood shingles or shakes and other materials including but not necessarily	-10	

	limited to plastic, fiberglass or metal roof tiles		
Predominant Color	(A) All surfaces are concealed from public view	15	15
	(B) Dark reds, browns, and earthtones, and natural metals including aluminum, zinc, tin, and lead	10	
	(C) Low-intensity colors other than those stated above	5	
	(D) White	0	
	(E) Bright, non-fading, high-intensity colors and any use of multiple colors	-15	
BUILDING FORM			
	(A) One-story buildings with over 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and multi-story buildings with over 20,000 square feet of gross floor area which are designed with wall plane projections or setbacks on each publicly visible façade having a depth of at least three percent of the length of the façade and extending at least 20 percent of the length of the façade	30	30
	(B) One-story buildings with less than or equal to 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and multi-story buildings with less than or equal to 20,000 square feet of gross floor area which are designed with either offsetting wall planes or upper story stepbacks of at least four horizontal feet, or a recessed entry space or projecting canopy or portal having a depth of at least six horizontal feet, on at least one publicly visible façade	30	
	(C) Buildings not utilizing the massing techniques described in paragraphs (A) or (B) above	0	
DOORS AND WINDOWS			
Treatment	(A) More than 50 percent of doors, windows and glazed surfaces, which are not located under portales or canopies having a horizontal depth of at least six feet, have either frames recessed a minimum of two inches, are cased with trim, have divided lites, or have exposed or otherwise articulated lintels	20	20

	(B) More than 50 percent of doors, windows and glazed surfaces do not meet the requirements set forth in paragraph (A) above	0	0
Area	(A) All wall surfaces which are not located under portales or canopies having a horizontal depth of at least six feet, and which do not include solar fenestration, have less than or equal to 50 percent openings consisting of doors, windows, glazing and other penetrations	20	20
	(B) Wall surfaces do not meet the requirements as set forth in paragraph (A) above	0	
Location	(A) All doors, windows and glazed surfaces, on structures having a gross floor area greater than 150 square feet, are located at least two feet from outside building corners	20	20
	(B) All doors, windows and glazed surfaces, on structures having a gross floor area less than or equal to 150 square feet, have at least a two-inch mullion at inside and outside building corners	20	
Glazing	(A) All glazing is clear or tinted neutral gray	10	10
	(B) Any use of colored glazing	0	
	(C) Any use of mirrored glazing	-10	
EQUIPMENT			
Screening	(A) All roof and wall mounted mechanical, electrical, communications, and service equipment, including satellite dishes and vent pipes, are screened from public view by parapets, walls, fences, dense evergreen foliage, or by other means	10	
	(B) All building mounted equipment set forth in paragraph (A) above is either screened; and/or painted to match visually adjacent surfaces	5	5
	(C) All building mounted equipment set forth in paragraph (A) above is not screened and/or painted to match visually adjacent surfaces	-10	

TOTAL **230**

TC2C Design Standards include requirements for exterior finished and colors. Appropriate surface materials include stucco, adobe, brick, split face block, and

stone. Zorro Blanco Apartments shall be finished with stucco. Exterior colors shall be predominantly earth tones, browns, tans, and soft pastels. . . Brighter accent colors may be used, but should not detract from the overall continuity of the local scheme. It is the responsibility of the ARC to review and approve colors not otherwise subject to the City's Architectural Design Review process.

Solar Access

TC2C Design Standards includes a "goal of Tierra Contenta to provide solar access to all buildings in the development. . . Building placement must provide as much solar access as possible within the constraints of density, setback limits, and other site planning criteria." Zorro Blanco Apartments will have many south-facing units with windows allowing natural lighting. Additionally all buildings will all have flat roofs allowing for future installation of solar panels.

Outdoor Lighting

Tierra Contenta Phase 2C requires Building-mounted outdoor light sources (bulbs, elements, and sources of glare) shall be designed and placed to minimize visibility from adjacent property, streets, pedestrian and non-motorized vehicle connections, and open space. Freestanding outdoor lighting sources, such as those used to illuminate parking areas, shall be shielded from public view and designed to minimize spillover onto private or public property.

Signs

Tierra Contents Phase 2C requires that Permanent signage or monumentation demarcating the entrance to a specific subdivision is permissible. Designs for such signs should have an aesthetic relationship to other such signs or monumentation within the Tierra Contenta project. No permanent subdivision signs shall be placed within public right-of-way.

City of Santa Fe Development Code §14-8.10 includes regulations regarding the number and design of signs that are intended to be read from off the premises including illumination, setbacks, number of colors and lettering styles, and surface area.

The project signs are shown on the building elevations where they occur on sheets AL201 and AG201 of the submitted plans showing compliance with these requirements.

Affordable Housing

Zorro Blanco is located within Tierra Contenta. City Staff has determined that the project is not subject to the City's Santa Fe Homes Program (SFHP) and that Zorro

Blanco has no requirement to provide affordable housing because Tierra Contenta has met its obligations to provide affordable housing under the applicable provisions of the Amended and Restated Annexation Agreement. Zorro Blanca disagrees with City Staff and proposed to pay a fee-in-lieu on-site housing as allowed by the SFHP. Zorro Blanco’s proposal to pay the fee-in-lieu of the Santa Fe Homes Program was rejected by City Staff.

Relocation of Gunnison’s Prairie Dogs

SFCC § 14-8.12 requires that sites developed with anything other than single-family residences be examined by a city-approved prairie dog relocater and if they are determined to exist on the site, that they be removed to a city-approved location. City of Santa Fe staff inspected the project site and found no evidence of prairie dogs. See Exhibit D.

Development Water Budget

SFCC § 14-8.13 requires that a water budget be developed for development plans and that a project with a water budget greater than 5 acre-feet, such as this one, must purchase, and dedicate to the City, water rights through the City’s water rights transfer program to meet the development’s water budget. The water budget calculation form is included as Exhibit E and the Utility Service Application is included as Exhibit F.

Impact Fees

SCFF § 14-8.14 provides the requirements for impact fees for Roads, Parks, Fire, and Police based on the number of residential units being developed. The table below shows those fees for this project which includes 165 units.

Impact Fee Category	Fee per Unit	Fee Assessed
Roads	\$1,373	\$226,545
Parks	\$880	\$145,200
Fire	\$168	\$27,720
Police	\$53	\$8,745
TOTAL		\$408,210

Land Dedication

Section 14-8.15 requires dedication of land for parks and trails. Since this project is within the Tierra Contenta Master Plan, the parks and trails land dedication is addressed by that Master Plan and not additional land dedication is required for this project.

School Requirements

Notice of this project was sent to the Santa Fe Public School District by certified mail on 7/18/24 per SFCC §14-8.16 and is included as Exhibit G. As of submission of this application, no response has been received in response to that notification.

Archaeology

Archaeological clearance was approved by the City of Santa Fe Architectural Review Board on 09/03/1998 for this site as part of the Tierra Contenta Subdivision. The clearance document is included as Exhibit H.

Accessibility

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires multifamily developments to be accessible by people with mobility disabilities. The accessible paths in this project are shown on the ADA Access Plan, Sheet C101 of the drawings submitted for this project. For accessible parking, please see the section on Off-Street Parking above.

Early Neighborhood Notification

Two Early Neighborhood Notification meetings were held on August 20, 2024 and September 30, 2024 via zoom. The notes of the meetings are included as Appendix I and the affidavits of posting and mailing are included as Appendix J.

Additionally, two public gatherings to present the project to the neighbors and discuss it with them were held on July 27th and August 3rd 2024 at the Southside Library. As a result of those meetings, a neighborhood coffee shop was added to the project in response to desires for community-serving retail development which is anticipated on the C-2 zoned property to the south of the project site.

Exhibits

Exhibit A: Legal Lot of Record

Exhibit B: Compliance Report of Annexation and Rezoning Conditions of Approval

Exhibit C: Traffic Impact Study

Exhibit D: Prairie Dog Clearance Letter

Exhibit E: Water Budget

Exhibit F: Water Utility Service Application

Exhibit G: Public School Notification Form

Exhibit H: Archaeological Clearance

Exhibit I: Early Neighborhood Notification Meeting Notes

Exhibit J: Affidavits of ENN Notification Postings and Mailings